

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5291**
Mie TAKAHASHI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2001_1464A
Serial No. 09/937,730 : Group Art Unit 1641
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CHROMATOGRAPHY MEDIUM AND ITS
MANUFACTURING METHOD : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action of January 22, 2009, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with the fee for extension of time submitted herewith.

Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejects claims 5, 12, 27, 31, 41, 45, 53 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu (U.S. Patent No. 6,284,194) in view of Shigehiro (JP 11258239); as well as claims 5, 12, 27, 31, 41, 45, 53 and 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jobling et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,100) in view of Shigehiro; and claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chu or Jobling et al. in view of Shigehiro, as applied to claims 5, 12, 27, 31, 41, 45, 53 and 60 above and further in view of Iwata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,912,139). Each of these rejections is respectfully traversed.